(d) if so, the details of the pruned down agenda; and

(e) the progress so far made in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Government had, in the context of the Composite Dialogue, from June to September 2004, *inter alia,* recommended 72 proposals for Confidence Building in the areas of Peace and Security, Jammu and Kashmir, Economics and Commercial cooperation and Promotion of Friendly Exchanges in Various Fields.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Several proposals such as resumption of transport and communication links, restoration of strength of respective high commissions, resumption of sporting ties, operationalisation of Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service, steps towards release of fishermen and civilian prisoners under each other's custody, have been implemented by both sides. Some measures such as visa liberalization and free medical treatment of Pakistani children have been implemented unilaterally by us. On some other proposals, such as opening of Attari-Wagah land route for trade and transit for each other's goods, interactions between armed forces of both sides etc., response of Pakistan is still awaited.

Bilateral strategic talks with China

†1739. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNALAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the issues raised by Government in bilateral strategic talks held with China by India;

(b) whether Government have lodged an objection on the information with regard to the military activities being carried out by China on Indian border;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons for not raising the said important issue in the said talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) During the India-China Strategic Dialogue held on January 24,2005, both sides had in-depth exchange of views on important regional and global issues that shape the present international environment. Substantive discussions took place on bilateral relations, including in particular on preparations for the forthcoming visit of the Chinese Premier to India. Both sides noted with satisfaction recent positive trends in bilateral relations and reiterated their desire to improve the relationship at all levels and in all areas while addressing the outstanding differences, including the boundary question, in a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable manner.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The resolution of the boundary question between India and China is outstanding. The two sides also have differences in perception of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the India-China border areas. Both sides carry out patrolling activity in the India-China border areas. We take up transgressions of the LAC by the Chinese side through diplomatic channels and at Border Personnel Meetings/Flag Meetings from time to time.

Setting up of International Criminal Court

1740. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
PROF.ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has ratified the treaty of setting up of International Criminal Court to try people accused of violating international law;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not ratifying the setting of International Criminal Court by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) India has not signed the Statute of the International Criminal Court.